

New chief clicked on job on web

Duxbury goes outside department for chief

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DUXBURY — Charles Mazzone says he stumbled across the opening for Duxbury police chief on the internet.

He was surfing the archives of job openings listed with the *Boston Globe* and found something that peaked his interest. He visited Duxbury prior to the interviewing process to do some research and liked what he saw and heard. That impression was reinforced last weekend when he and his wife visited again after receiving a job offer from town manager Rocco Longo.

Mazzone, a lieutenant colonel with the Maryland State Police, was also the top choice of a

screening panel who interviewed four finalists for the job.

"We have spent much time in the northeast, and have vacationed for several years in Maine. We are excited about moving to Massachusetts and Duxbury," he said.

Mazzone, 45, was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to Maryland when he was 17. He was valedictorian of the Maryland State Police Academy in 1972. In 1981, he graduated cum laude from Loyola College in Maryland, and received a master's in business administration from that school in 1985. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1984.

Mazzone began as a uniformed patrol officer, and moved up to command a barracks and several divisions, including electronic services, criminal investigation, staff inspection and personnel management. He moved through the department rank progression to

his current level of lieutenant colonel, the second highest rank within the Maryland State Police, one of four in the organization of 2400 employees. He served as interim police chief for four months in Bel Air, Md. when they were looking for a permanent chief.

He has received numerous honors and awards, including Trooper of the Year, several superintendent's citations and a governor's citation.

There was a local finalist for the chief's job, Lt. Donald Sjostedt, who has been serving as acting chief, but the town manager chose to go outside the department with Mazzone.

"I met Don Sjostedt during the selection process and was favorably impressed," Mazzone said. "I expect he would be disappointed. I know I was when a similar situation happened to me in Maryland. I am looking forward to working with him and meeting the members of the department."

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